SENATE, No. 820

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

212th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Supplemental appropriation of \$2 million for grants to certain nursing schools to address shortage of nursing faculty.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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1	A SUPPLEMENT to "An Act making appropriations for the support
2	of the State Government and the several public purposes for the
3	fiscal year ending June 30, 2005 and regulating the disbursement
4	thereof," approved June 30, 2004 (P.L.2004, c.71).
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6	BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7	of New Jersey:
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9	1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2004, c.71,
10	there is appropriated out of the General Fund the following sum for
11	the purpose specified:
	82 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
	30 Educational, Cultural and Intellectual Development
	36 Higher Educational Services
	GRANTS-IN-AID
	49-2155 Miscellaneous Higher Education Programs
	Grants-in-Aid:
	49 RN Nursing program faculty enhancement
	grants(\$2,000,000)
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13	The monies hereinabove appropriated are for the purpose of
14	addressing the shortage of nursing faculty by providing a grant of
15	\$50,000 to each of the 40 accredited nursing education programs in
16	the State for registered professional nurses. The grants shall be used
17	by the programs for one or more of the following purposes: to
18	support graduate education in nursing for current nursing faculty at
19	the masters and doctoral level in order to increase the number of
20	qualified nursing faculty; for equipment for nursing labs to enhance
21	retention and effective teaching; to develop models and programs to
22	attract and retain increasing numbers of diverse faculty members; to
23	support alternative methods for teaching nursing, such as online
24	distance learning methods; and to support retention efforts for
25	students through additional faculty support for mentoring.
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27	2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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30	STATEMENT
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32	This bill appropriates \$2,000,000 from the General Fund to the
33	Department of the Treasury for the purpose of providing a grant of
34	\$50,000 to each of the 40 accredited registered professional nurse
35	education programs in the State to address the shortage of nursing
36	faculty. The funds will be provided to nursing programs at public
37	and private institutions of higher education and at hospital-based
38	nursing schools.

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3	nursing faculty at the masters and doctoral level in order to increase
4	the number of qualified nursing faculty; for equipment for nursing
5	labs to enhance retention and effective teaching; to develop models
6	and programs to attract and retain increasing numbers of diverse
7	faculty members; to support alternative methods for teaching
8	nursing, such as online distance learning methods; and to support
9	retention efforts for students through additional faculty support for
10	mentoring.